

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated May 5, 2005 and the final Office Action dated January 12, 2005, is believed to be fully responsive to the points of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the final Office Action dated January 12, 2005, the Examiner allowed Claims 1-3 and 5-7 and indicated that Claims 9-12, 14 and 15 contained allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended the claims above to place the application in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3 and 5-8, 10-16, 19 and 20 are pending. Claims 9, 17, 18 and 21 are cancelled above. Claims 2, 8, 10-12, 14, 15, 19 and 20 are amended above. No new matter is added by the amendments. **Please note that as the Amendment submitted April 12, 2005 was not entered, the claims set forth in the Amendment dated December 10, 2004 have been used as the starting point for the present amendment.**

Claims 8, 13 and 16-21 stand finally rejected under 35 USC 102(b) over US Patent No. 5, 113,358 (Reber). Claims 1-3 and 5-7 have been allowed. The Examiner indicated that Claims 9-12, 14 and 15 contained allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the claims.

1. **Claims 1-3 and 5-7:**

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 have been allowed. Claim 2 is amended above to correct a typographical error. Accordingly, Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are in condition for allowance.

2. **Claims 8, 10-13, 16, 19 and 20:**

The Examiner indicated that Claim 9 contained allowable subject matter. Claim 8 has been amended to include the additional recitations of Claim 9. Claims 10-12, 19 and 20 have been amended to depend from amended Claim 8. Claims 13 and 16 depend from Claim 8. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 8, 10-13, 16, 19 and 20 are in condition for allowance.

3. **Claims 14 and 15:**

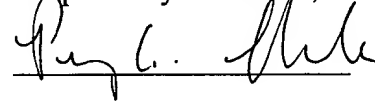
The Examiner indicated that Claims 14 and 15 contained allowable subject matter. Claims 14 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 14 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Please charge all applicable fees associated with the submittal of this Amendment and any other fees applicable to this application to the Assignee's Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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